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## NWT Labour Force Activity - October 2013 -

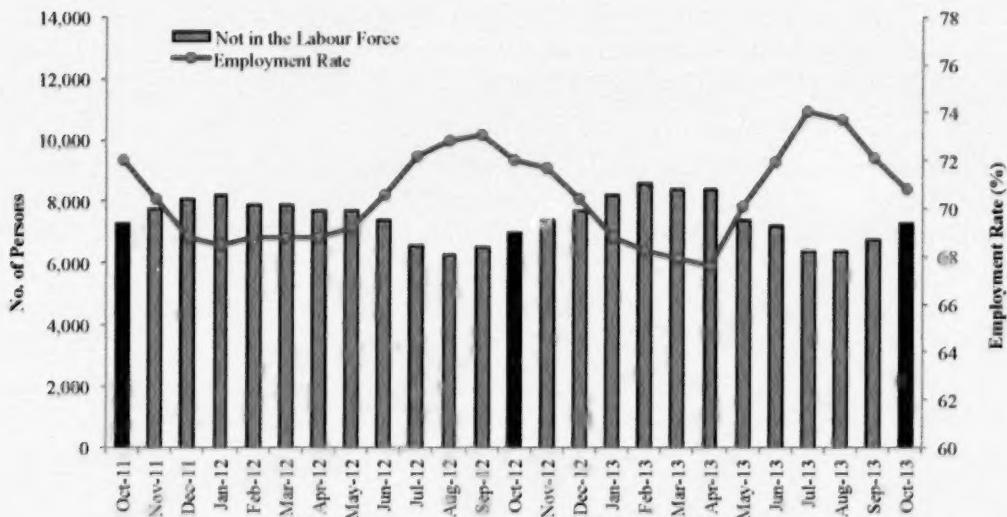
In October 2013, Statistics Canada estimates that 22,600 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories representing an employment rate of 70.8% (Table 1). Nationally, Canada's employment rate stood at 62.2%.

Compared to the previous month, the NWT employment rate decreased by 1.3 percentage points, translating into 400 fewer employed persons. Overall, the current NWT labour force activity is following the typical cycle of lower employment during the fall months (Figure 1).

**Table 1 Monthly Highlights  
Northwest Territories, October 2013**

	Oct-13	Sep-13	Oct-12
Population	31,900	31,900	32,100
Labour Force	24,600	25,100	25,000
Employed	22,600	23,000	23,100
Unemployed	2,000	2,100	1,900
Not in Labour Force	7,300	6,800	7,000
Participation (%)	77.1	78.7	77.9
Employment (%)	70.8	72.1	72.0
Unemployment (%)	8.1	8.4	7.6

**Figure 1** Persons Not in the Labour Force and Employment Rates  
Northwest Territories, 2011-2013



While most of the key characteristics experienced an employment rate decline, those of 15-24 experienced the largest decrease. Compared to the last month, the employment rate for youth decreased by 3.0 percentage points, likely due to the decrease in seasonal employment. The only increase between September and October was in Yellowknife, where the employment rate rose slightly by 0.2 percentage points (Table 2).

**Table 2 Employment Rates by Key Characteristics  
Northwest Territories**

	Oct-13		Sep-13		Aug-13	
	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)
Northwest Territories	22,600	70.8	23,000	72.1	23,500	73.7
15-24 Yrs.	3,300	50.8	3,500	53.8	3,700	56.9
25 Yrs. & Over	19,300	76.0	19,500	76.8	19,800	78.0
Males	11,900	71.7	12,100	72.9	12,200	73.5
Females	10,700	69.9	10,900	71.2	11,300	73.9
Aboriginal	7,800	54.5	8,000	55.9	8,200	57.7
Non-Aboriginal	14,800	84.1	15,000	84.7	15,300	86.4
Yellowknife	12,900	82.2	13,200	82.0	13,500	83.3
Other	9,700	59.9	9,800	62.0	10,000	63.7

Table 3 shows that between October and September, 400 fewer people were employed, and many of them were full-time public employees. Over the last year, 500 fewer people were employed, partly due to a shift away from public employment into self-employment. Between October 2012 and October 2013, public employment decreased by 800 people, whereas self-employment increased by 400.

**Table 3 Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics  
Northwest Territories, September 2013**

	Oct-13	Sep-13	Oct-12	Sep-13 to	Oct-12 to
				Oct-13	Oct-13
Total Employment	22,600	23,000	23,100	(400)	(500)
Full-time	20,500	21,100	21,000	(600)	(500)
Part-time	2,100	1,800	2,100	300	-
Employees	20,600	21,000	21,500	(400)	(900)
Public	9,700	10,000	10,500	(300)	(800)
Private	11,000	11,000	11,000	-	-
Self-employment	2,000	2,000	1,600	-	400
Goods Producing	3,800	4,000	4,000	(200)	(200)
Service Producing	18,800	19,000	19,100	(200)	(300)

Table 4 presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

**Table 4 Labour Force Activity  
Northwest Territories**

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Not in the Labour Force	Partici- pation Rate	Unemp- loyment Rate	Employ- ment Rate
Oct-13	31,900	24,600	22,600	2,000	7,300	77.1	8.1	70.8
Sep-13	31,900	25,100	23,000	2,100	6,800	78.7	8.4	72.1
Aug-13	31,900	25,500	23,500	2,000	6,400	79.9	7.8	73.7
Jul-13	31,900	25,500	23,600	1,900	6,400	79.9	7.5	74.0
Jun-13	32,000	24,800	23,000	1,800	7,200	77.5	7.3	71.9
May-13	32,100	24,700	22,500	2,200	7,400	76.9	8.9	70.1
Apr-13	32,100	23,700	21,700	2,000	8,400	73.8	8.4	67.6
Mar-13	32,100	23,700	21,800	1,900	8,400	73.8	8.0	67.9
Feb-13	32,100	23,500	21,900	1,600	8,600	73.2	6.8	68.2
Jan-13	32,100	23,900	22,100	1,700	8,200	74.5	7.1	68.8
Dec-12	32,100	24,400	22,600	1,800	7,700	76.0	7.4	70.4
Nov-12	32,100	24,700	23,000	1,700	7,400	76.9	6.9	71.7
Previous Years:								
Oct-12	32,100	25,000	23,100	1,900	7,000	77.9	7.6	72.0
Oct-11	32,100	24,800	23,100	1,700	7,300	77.3	6.9	72.0
Oct-10	32,300	23,300	22,000	1,300	9,000	72.1	5.6	68.1
Oct-09	32,100	22,800	21,000	1,800	9,300	71.0	7.9	65.4
Oct-08	32,100	24,400	23,300	1,100	7,700	76.0	4.5	72.6
Oct-07	31,900	25,000	23,600	1,400	6,800	78.4	5.6	74.0
Oct-06	31,400	24,200	23,100	1,100	7,200	77.1	4.5	73.6
Oct-05	31,300	24,000	22,800	1,200	7,300	76.7	5.0	72.8
Oct-04	31,000	23,800	22,700	1,100	7,200	76.8	4.6	73.2
Oct-03	30,500	23,300	21,800	1,600	7,200	76.4	6.9	71.5

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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